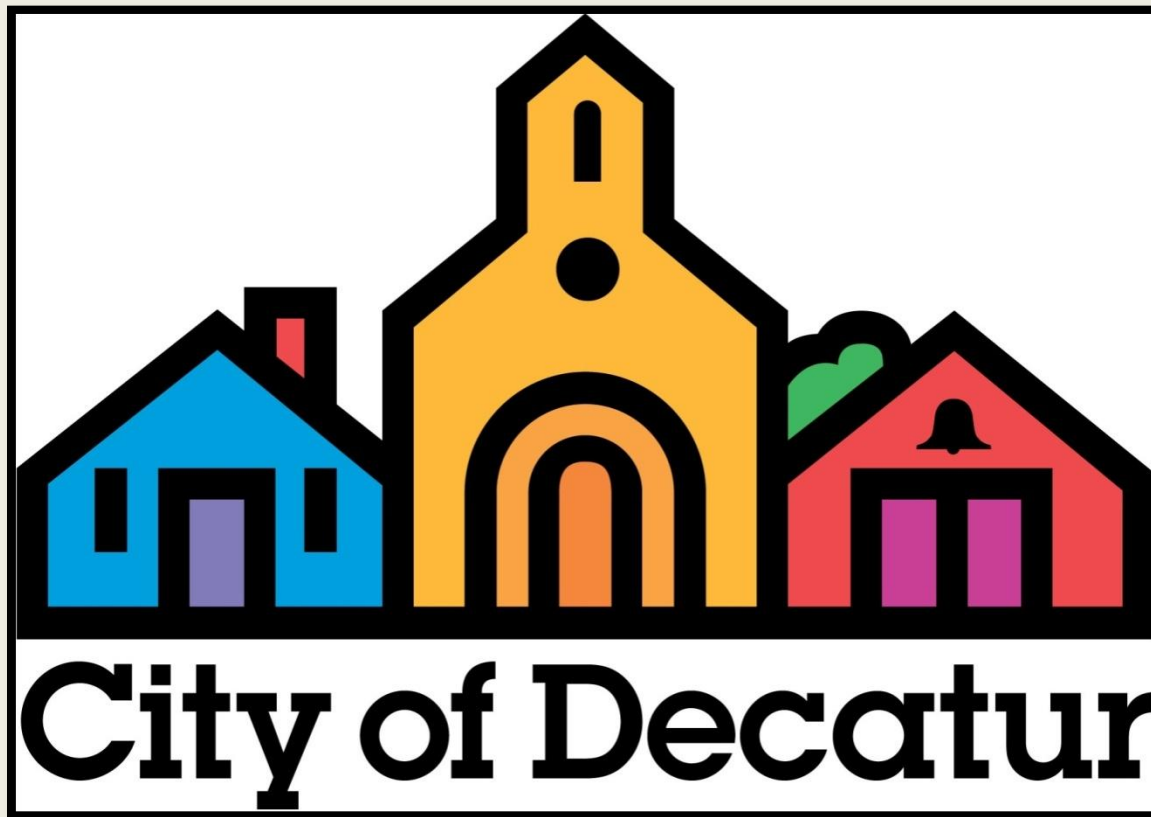


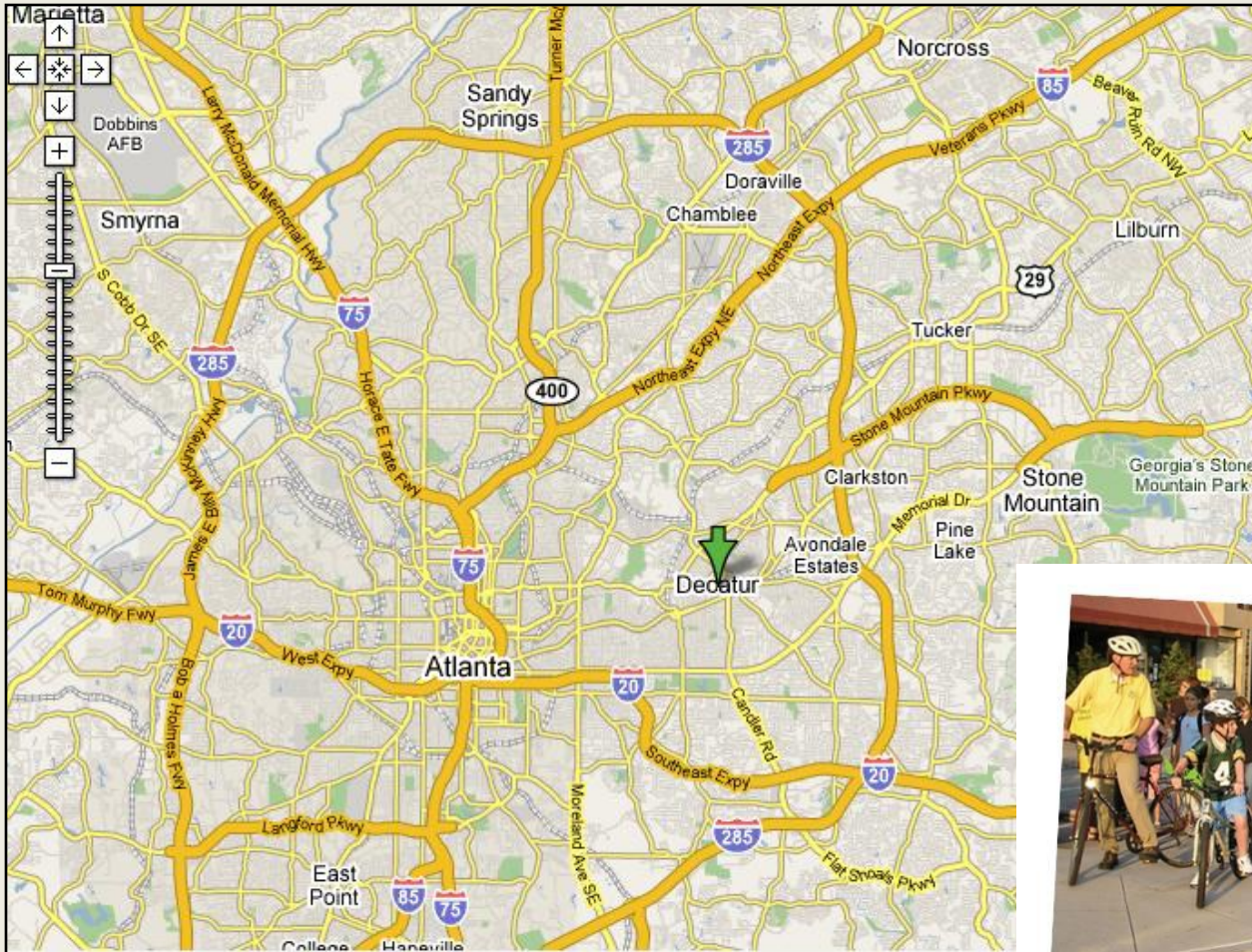
Building Sustainable Communities

HUD Partners Planning Meeting

September 2011



Decatur, Georgia



Sustainable Decatur

Sustainability:

“to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”



Decatur's Structure

- 5 City Commissioners
- City Manager
- Decatur Housing Authority
- 2 Non-profit community organizations
- Lots of churches
- 18 M General Fund
- No Sales Tax (until now)
- Independent City School System
- 85% residential, 15% commercial tax base

4 Guiding Principles

- Engage the Community
- Build Capacity
- The Highest Possible Service at the Lowest Possible Cost: Partnerships, Long Term View, Grants
- Build the Tax Base

Environmental Sustainability

- Enforcing Building and Site Development Ordinances
- Environmental Sustainability Board
- LEED bond projects
- Green Products
- Purchase of Greenspace
- Urban Farm



Don't Try to Be Everything to Everybody



Decatur, Georgia: We Do Things a Little **Differently.**



Low Emission Vehicle



Rush Hour



Office Park



Elevator Music



Office Meeting



Food Court



They Call
Decatur, Georgia,
'Mayberry with
an attitude.'

Whatever.

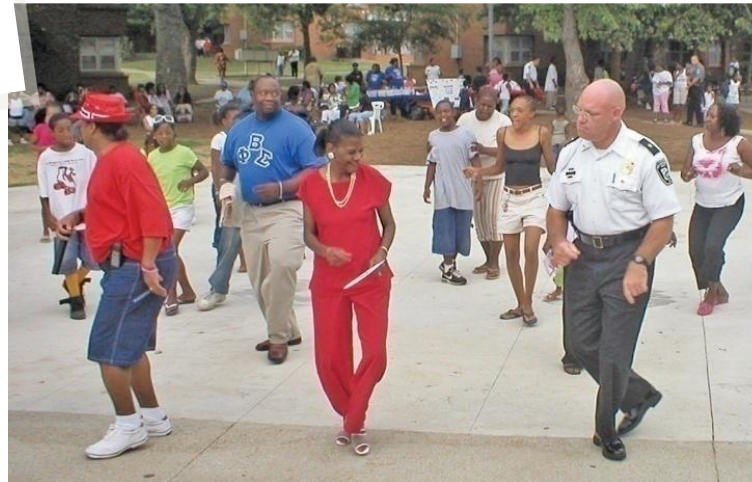
We call it home. More than 80 shops
and restaurants plus music, festivals,
and hometown events year-round!



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Community Sustainability



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Organizational/Institutional Sustainability

- City Commission
- City Staff
- Citizens
- Non-profit organizations
- Educational Institutions



Economic Sustainability

- Housing
- Transportation
- Mixed Land Uses
- Economic Development
- Vision Based Budgeting























“The CTP employs a Complete Streets philosophy that defines the street by more than just its mobility and accessibility functions, but by its role as a critical community character shaper.”

Streetscape Investments Create Walkable Downtown



Special Pedestrian Area Design Standards



Flexibility to Make Things Happen

- Use zoning to encourage not prohibit
- Find ways to work within the rules
- Adapt when necessary



Creating Livable Places



Thank You!



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